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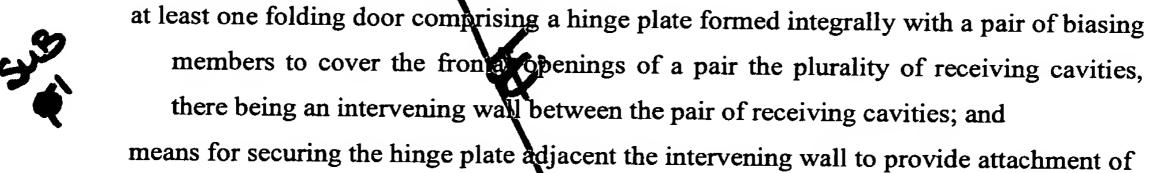
Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is replies to the Final Office Action mailed December 17, 2002 in which claims 8-12 and 23-31 were rejected. Claims 8-37 are pending in the application, with claims 13-22 and 32-37 previously withdrawn from consideration. With this Amendment, claims 23 and 30 are amended.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 23 and 30 as follows:

- 8. A fiber optic connecting system comprising:
 - a backplane housing including a plurality of longitudinal receiving cavities wherein each receiving cavity has a frontal opening;



the folding door to the backplane housing.

- 9. A fiber optic connecting system comprising:
 - a backplane housing including a plurality of longitudinal receiving cavities

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